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SUBJECT: NEW BOOK ON RADIO FREE EUROPE

1. ZYCIE WARSZAWY ON JUNE 13 FEATURES AN ARTICLE BASED ON AN INTERVIEW WITH CAPTAIN ANDRZEJ CZECHOWICZ CONCERNING HIS LATEST BOOK, "FREE EUROPE" FOLLOWING MY RETURN TO THE COUNTRY, WHICH IS APPARENTLY AN UPDATED VERSION OF HIS EARLIER BOOK ABOUT RFE, SEVEN DIFFICULT YEARS. THE CHAPTERS THAT HAVE BEEN ADDED REPORTEDLY DISCUSS RFE'S SITUATION DURING THE PAST THREE YEARS, FOLLOWING THE CONGRESSIONAL DECISION "TO FORBID DIRECT CIA FINANCING OF RFE AND RADIO LIBERTY". THE NEW BOOK CONTAINS TEXTS OF CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE ON THAT SUBJECT AS WELL AS "CIRCULARS AND INSTRUCTIONS" DESIGNATED FOR INTERNAL USE AT RFE, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE.

2. THE MAIN POINT MADE BY THE AUTHOR IN THE INTERVIEW IS
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THAT, ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN "CERTAIN CHANGES" IN ITS

PROGRAMMING ASSUMPTIONS AND IN THE TONE OF ITS BROADCASTS, THE BASIC GOALS OF RFE HAVE NOT CHANGED. CZECHOWICZ SUGGESTS FURTHER THAT DUE TO THE CONTINUING INFLUENCE OF THE CIA AND "COLD WAR" CIRCLES ON CENTERS OF "DIVERSIONARY PROPAGANDA", RFE AND ITS PERSONNEL CANNOT ESCAPE FROM THEIR "HACKNEYED PATTERNS AND STEREOTYPES WITHOUT LOSING THEIR REASON FOR EXISTENCE. THE ARTICLE ALSO DISCUSSES ALLEGED LABOR DISPUTES AND PERSONNEL ISSUES AT RFE.

3. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO PURCHASE COPIES OF THE BOOK LOCALLY AND WILL POUCH THEM TO THE DEPARTMENT AND MUNICH.
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